(c) In the meeting held on 15.3.1999, the National Calamity Relief Committee (NCRC) approved a total assistance of Rs. 497.10 crore from the NFCR for release to the following States:-

(Rs. in crore)

1. Andra Pradesh	Heavy rains/floods	26.50
2. Arunachal Pradesh	rains/landslides	13.47
3. Assam	floods	59.90
4. Bihar	floods	11.45
5. Gujarat	Cyclone	55.35
6. Haryana	Untimely rains	13.27
7. Karnataka	pest attack/floods	49.98
8. Madhya Pradesh	excessive rains	35.00
9. Rajasthan	drought	21.98
10 Sikkim	floods/landslides	7.67
11 Tripura	floods	5.05
12 Uttar Pradesh	floods/landslides	131.15
13 West Bengal	floods/landslides	66.33
	TOTAL:	497.10

Production of Palm Oil

2492. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is enough potentiality for production of palm oil in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether Government is going *to* set up a processing plant for the palm oil in the State;

(c) if so, where; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) An area of 61,000 hectares has been identified by an expert committee as suitable for cultivation of oil palm in Gujarat,

(b) to (d) under the scheme of Post Harvest Technology being implemented by the Technology Mission on Oil-seeds, Pulses and Maize, a processing unit with a capacity of 2.5 Ten oil palm FFB (Fresh Fruit Bunches) per hour is proposed to be set up in Gujarat. The location of the unit has not been finalised so far.

Location Specific Crop Variety

2493. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a plan to stress location specific crop varieties;

(b) if so, the salient aspects of a location specific crop strategy;

(c) what steps have been identified for Andhra Pradesh under the strategy;

(d) whether any financial help will be extended to State to implement this strategy; and

(e) the full details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council for Agricultural Research has designed and developed "All India Coordinated Research Projects" (AICRP) for coordinating and developing location specific crop varieties and technologies for increasing the productivity and production of all important crops namely wheat, rice, pulses, oilseeds, millets and commercial/cash crops. The above projects are implemented through